## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN DIVISION CASE NO. Plaintiff(s), ORDER RE EARLY MEETING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE v. Scheduling Conference: at 9:00 a.m. Defendant(s). (Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b) and 26(f))

Welcome to the Court of Judge Andrew J. Guilford. The responsibility for the progress of Federal Court litigation is upon both the attorneys and the Court. Counsel are ordered to be completely familiar with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules of the Central District of California, and the FAQ's about Judges' Procedures and Schedules posted by these Chambers on the Central District website at <a href="www.cacd.uscourts.gov">www.cacd.uscourts.gov</a>. Counsel are also ordered to keep the Court informed concerning the status of this case, "to secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action" (Fed.R.Civ.P. 1), remembering that

district courts have inherent power to control their dockets to promote "economy 1 of time and effort for itself, for counsel and for litigants." Landis v. North Am. 2 3 Co., 299 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). 4 1. Early Meeting of Parties. IT IS ORDERED that, as provided in Fed.R.Civ.P. 26(f), the parties shall meet at least 21 days before the Scheduling 5 Conference, and report on the meeting in writing to the Court within 14 days after 6 7 the meeting. In all cases, the report SHALL STATE THE PROPOSED DATE 8 AND LENGTH OF THE TRIAL, whether it will be a jury or non-jury trial, and 9 whether the parties prefer the Court Mediation Panel or private mediation. Failure to comply with this Order may result in sanctions. 10 11 2. Scheduling Conference. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this case is set for a Scheduling Conference under Fed.R.Civ.P. 16(b) on the date and time 12 stated in the caption of this Order, in Courtroom 10D of the United States 13 14 Courthouse, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, California. Counsel shall appear 15 at the Scheduling Conference and at all pretrial meetings fully informed concerning the facts of the case and shall be the attorney who will be in charge of 16 17 the trial, absent good cause for the appearance of other counsel or for a telephonic appearance. If there is a first appearance by any party after the date of this Order, 18 19 counsel for Plaintiff shall give a copy of this Order to that party. 20 IT IS SO ORDERED. 22

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Dated:

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Courtroom Deputy Clerk: Lisa Bredahl

28 (714) 338-4757 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE